

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as presented below.

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) The seat cushion of claim 1 ~~+~~ 21, wherein the pressure-distributing medium is a fluid pad.

3. (currently amended) The seat cushion of claim 1 ~~+~~ 21, wherein the base includes a posterior seat well for receiving bony prominences of a wheelchair occupant.

4. (currently amended) ~~The A seat cushion of claim 3~~ for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base including a posterior seat well for receiving bony prominences of a wheelchair occupant;

a pressure-distributing medium; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, the cover comprising a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the pocket is positioned at a rear of the cover substantially over the seat well.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The seat cushion of claim 1 ~~+~~ 21, wherein the pocket is closed along rear and lateral sides of the cover.

8. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ seat cushion of claim 1 for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, the cover comprising a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium and further including at least one fastener in the pocket for securing the pressure-distributing medium therein in the pocket.

9. (original) The seat cushion of claim 8, wherein the at least one fastener is in the form of a hook-and-loop type fastener.

10-11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium; and

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein the pocket is formed from a piece of fabric secured adjacent an underside of the top fabric panel so that an opening is presented along one side of the pocket.

13. (previously presented) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

- a base;
- a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and
- a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

- a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium; and
 - top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein a first fastening element is affixed to a top surface of a piece of fabric and a second fastening element is affixed to a bottom of the pressure-distributing medium, the first and second fastening element being adapted to be secured together to hold the pressure-distributing medium firmly in the pocket.

14-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The A method of claim 14 for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket wherein step a) comprises the step of providing the pocket within the cover;
- b) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket; and
- c) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein step a) further comprises the step of providing a pocket opening that faces interiorly of the cover.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A method for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket;
- b) turning the cover inside out;
- c) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket;
- d) turning the cover right side out; and
- e) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

20. (previously presented) A method for carrying the pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket;
 - b) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket;
 - c) securing the pressure-distributing medium to the inside of the pocket;
- and
- d) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

21. (new) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, the cover comprising:

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween at a rear end thereof; and

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium, the pocket being formed from a piece of fabric secured adjacent an underside of the top fabric panel so that an opening is presented along a front end of the pocket.

22. (new) The seat cushion of claim 21, wherein the cover further includes one or more fasteners for selectively opening and closing the opening provided therebetween top and bottom fabric panels.